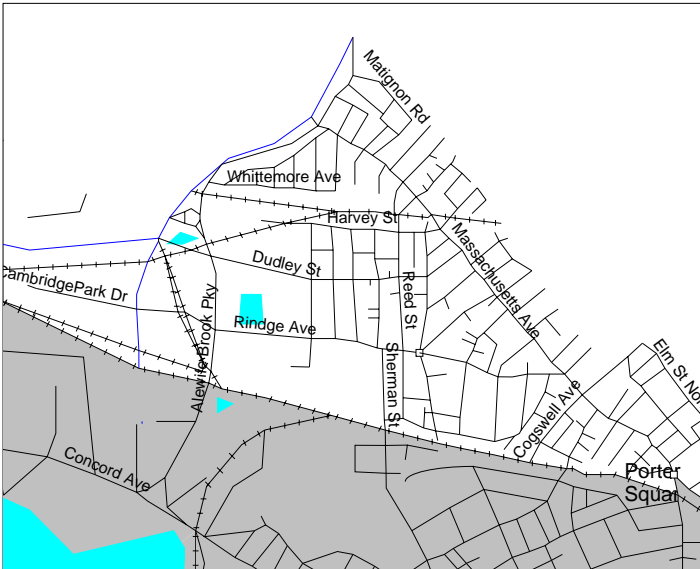
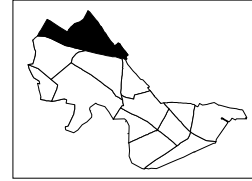


# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$44,784

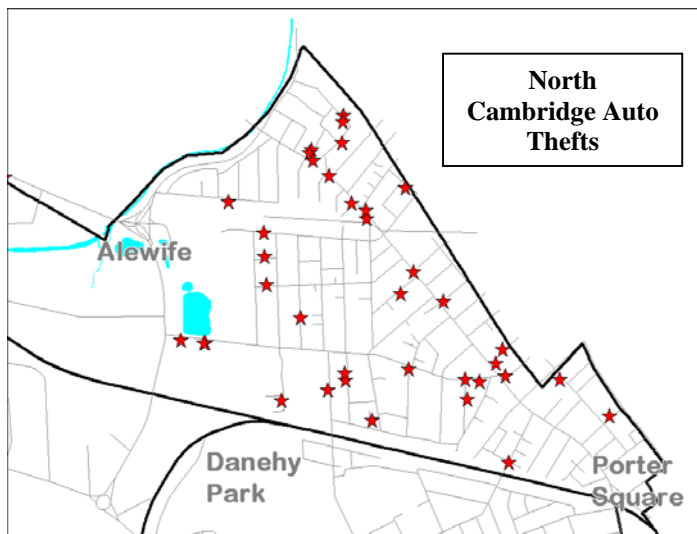
Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2001-2005

CRIME	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Housebreaks	59	50	70	49	52
Street Robbery	10	12	27	18	16
Auto Theft	59	45	32	41	41
Larceny from MVs	76	61	63	60	53
Malicious Destruction	111	111	106	77	96
Drug Incidents	11	10	7	15	9

### 2005 YEAR END REVIEW

- The number of **housebreaks** in North Cambridge increased only 6% from 2004 to 2005. Porter Road and Dudley Street saw a plethora of housebreaks. Both residences in a 2 family home on Churchill Ave were broken into in May. The majority of the incidents, 67%, occurred between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is common, as most people are away from their residences during the daytime. May was a particularly active month in the neighborhood, when 13 housebreaks were reported. Laptops, purses, jewelry, and electronics were common targets.
- There were half as many **street robberies** reported in North Cambridge than in Cambridgeport which reported the highest number of incidents. Street robberies decreased by two reports from 2004 to 2005. There were three purse snatchings, one domestic robbery, and one incident involved two homeless individuals. An incident in December targeted a food delivery driver that was attacked after being turned away from a residence that claimed they did not order a delivery. In six robberies, the suspect threatened the victim with a gun and four suspects threatened the victim with a knife. Multiple incidents were reported on Rindge Ave, at Russell Field, and White Street. One specific incident in February between acquaintances occurred at the Alewife MBTA Station.



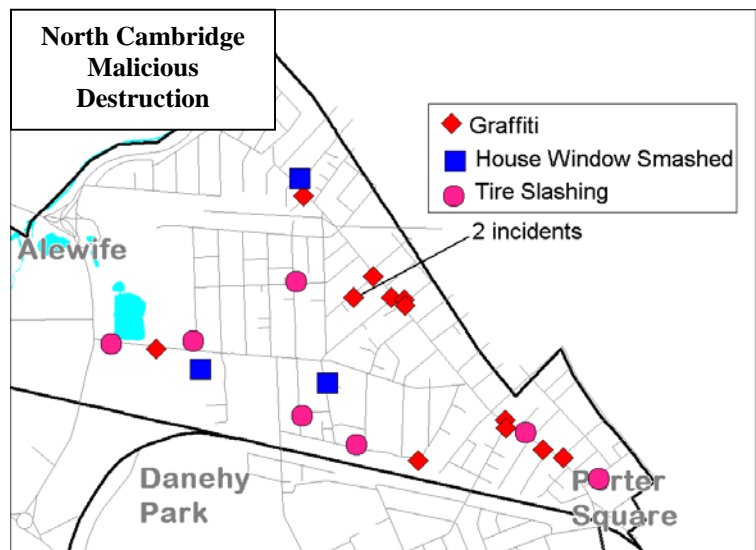
- North Cambridge reported the highest number of **auto thefts** throughout the City in 2005, with 41 incidents, which is still lower than the neighborhood's 5-year average of 43. The majority of the activity, 27%, was reported along Massachusetts Ave. and Rindge Ave. Hondas accounted for nearly 43% of the reported stolen vehicles. Over 60% of the cars stolen have been recovered to date.

- Larcenies from motor vehicles** decreased 12% from 2004 to 2005. Massachusetts Ave. and Rindge Ave. saw 38% of the total incidents. The majority of the incidents, over 60%, occurred between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Of the 53 larcenies, 15 (28%) were to the exterior of the motor vehicle,

including two incidents of headlight theft from Audis and two from Nissan Maximas. These were part of an overall headlight pattern involving incidents throughout the City. Note that in 20 larcenies, the perpetrator broke a window to gain entrance into the vehicle. Seven cars had their tires stolen as part of a pattern in the city with car tires being removed. Tires, stereos, CDs, and various electronics were all targeted.

- North Cambridge reported the second highest number of **malicious destruction** incidents, second only to East Cambridge. The number of reports jumped from 77 (in 2004) to 96 in 2005. Motor vehicles were targeted in nearly 67% of the incidents, including window smashings, pinstriping, tire slashings, or other destructions (i.e. egging). Five incidents targeted businesses and one was revenge motivated. One perpetrator slashed the tires of three cars in a gas station parking lot.

- There were only nine **drug** arrests in North Cambridge. Five arrests were for marijuana possession, three were for cocaine or crack possession, and one was for possession of drug paraphernalia. One of the arrests resulted after the suspect was pulled over for a lane violation while driving. Special Investigation made the majority of the arrests.

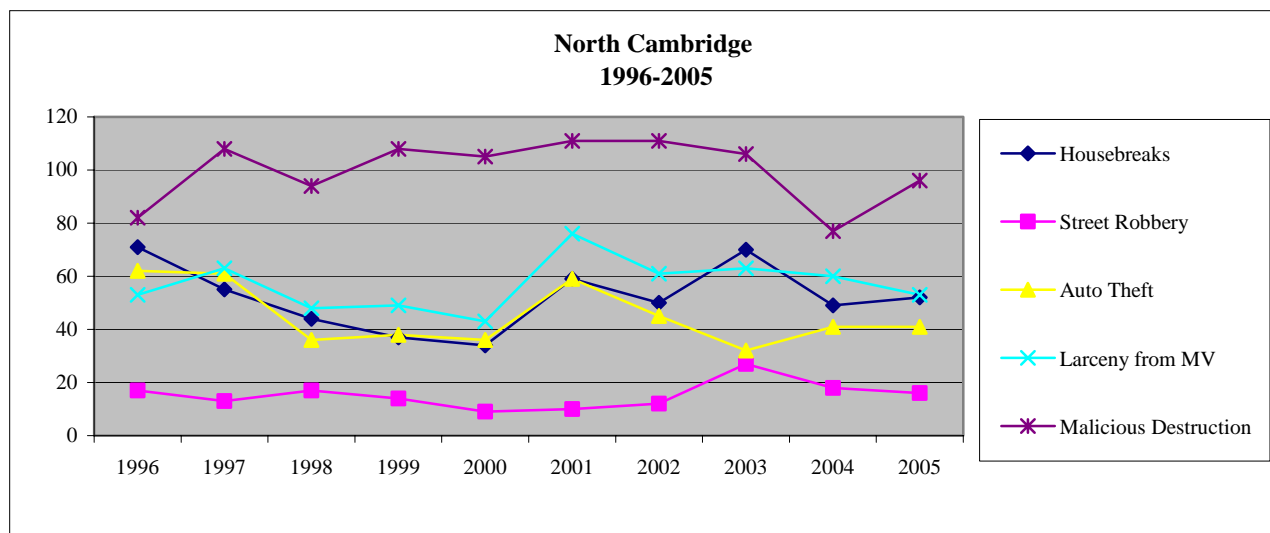


ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES		
Crime	1981-1990	1993-2004
Housebreaks	100	59
Street Robbery	30	19
Auto Theft	130	58
Larceny from MVs	105	62
Malicious Destruction	125	106

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



## 2004 YEAR END REVIEW

There were no reported **street robberies** in North Cambridge in the first two months of the year. Multiple incidents were reported in the area of the Rindge Towers, but the majority of these incidents were of a non-random nature, and the victim knew the perpetrator. During the month of October, there was an unusual peak in robberies. • **Malicious destruction of property** experienced the greatest decline in this neighborhood. Cars were targeted in over 64% of the vandalism incidents. A rash of tire slashings was reported on Dudley Street the first day of the year. A significant number of incidents were reported on Rindge Avenue, where the density of vehicles in the Tower's lots and the many residences make easy targets. • The highest number of **auto thefts** were in April and August. Over 70% of the stolen cars were recovered by year's end. • The number of **housebreaks** in North Cambridge decreased by 30% in comparison to 2003. No significant pattern was detected in this neighborhood. The burglaries were dispersed evenly throughout the week, but the majority occurred between 12PM to 5PM. • July was the hottest month for **larceny from motor vehicle**. During that month period, multiple incidents were reported on Pemberton Street. Throughout the year, areas of multiple incidents included the parking lots on Rindge Avenue and Concord Turnpike and along Harvey Street. • Increased patrol vigilance resulted in a higher rate of **drug** arrests in North Cambridge. A majority of these arrests involved perpetrators being observed smoking marijuana in parks and in their cars. Special Investigations made several arrests involving the sale of narcotics. Four of the reported incidents involved the possession of crack cocaine or paraphernalia and one heroin possession.